

MAILS
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Sierra, June 28.
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Chiyu Maru, June 29.
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JUDGE STUART IN LETTER TO SEC. LANE WANTS HAWAIIAN ESTATES DIVIDED UP

Circuit Judge Declares Territory Should Exert Power of Eminent Domain—Says Bishop Estate lands on Oahu Ought to Be Broken up into Small Holdings—Attacks Land Laws and Criticizes Governor—Letter Appears to Have Received But Slight Response From Interior Department at Washington

"One-third of the lands of this county belong to the Bishop estate, which is placed in a close corporation for the ostensible purpose of supporting a college, but for the real purposes of taking care of the trustees and hangers-on, which I understand have the power of choosing their successors. Now these lands of the Bishop estate constitute one-third of the choicest lands of the county. Why should not the government take these lands under the law of eminent domain and divide them up among actual settlers?"—From letter of Circuit Judge Stuart to Secretary Lane.

Judge Thomas B. Stuart of the circuit court, Honolulu, a recent appointee of the president, is urging upon the interior department to recommend to Congress division of large estate lands in Hawaii among many small holders.

In a letter to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, the circuit judge attacks the territorial land laws and the administration of them, criticizes Governor Pinkham, politically and otherwise, and threatens to ask for a public investigation by Congress of what he alleges are local conditions.

The letter was written in Honolulu last January. The Star-Bulletin secured a copy of it from the interior department, where it is on file. Judge Stuart this morning readily confirmed the fact of having written the letter and expressed the opinion that if it were published some action might be stirred up.

The letter in full is as follows:
Honolulu, Hawaii, January 9, 1915.
Hon. Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—
For nearly two years I have been trying to get a homestead in Hawaii, and succeeded on the 29th day of December, 1914, to a certain extent, as hereinafter stated.

In the latter part of the year 1913, the Editor of the New Freedom, on account of articles I had written for that paper, called your attention to the fearful state of the land laws of Hawaii. You answered by simply mailing him a copy of the Act of May 27, 1910. As this Act was too lengthy to be considered in a letter, and as I did not wish to appear in print as criticizing the views of a Democratic official, I replied by an impersonal article, Jan. 7, 1914, showing that the Act of May 27th did not cure the conditions complained of; and that the fault lay in the Hawaiian Laws, which seemed to be enacted entirely for the benefit of the large plantations. I wrote in a non-offensive spirit, and sent you a copy particularly calling your attention to the matter, but you have never taken any steps toward bettering the conditions here for the homesteader. I do not believe that in the last year there was one person from the States who had been able to enter a homestead in Hawaii, and I do not believe that any Hawaiian has been able to get a homestead of forty acres. This does not conflict with the Governor's report. The Hawaiians have in a limited degree been able at times to obtain from two to five acres and even up to ten acres, but the privilege has been so limited and restricted as to be worse than useless.

Take for consideration the last drawing made in this country on the 28th day of December, 1914. A tract of some 330 acres was brought in, that had been advertised over a year ago, and for some unaccountable reason had been withdrawn. This tract was divided into 23 parcels, ranging from about 10 to 14 acres, and the lucky persons in the drawing had the right to take two tracts if they were "adjoining," that is, 11 persons could take 22 out of the 23 tracts, leaving one tract for the twelfth person and nothing for the subsequent numbers. There were 183 applicants for these 23 homestead tracts. There would have been a thousand had anyone supposed that there was any reasonable chance to obtain a home. I was number 12 on the list and had no opportunity whatever if each party before me took two tracts. This they did so far as they could, but I finally succeeded in obtaining a lot of 14 acres, being the refuse of the entire tract and which has no road to it, for which I had to pay a little over \$30.00 an acre. I have offered to pay it in cash, but up to this time the Commissioner has not accepted it. There were a great many of the 183 applicants present when the lands were awarded. There were many old Hawaiian men and women who were seeking little homes and were willing to pay the outrageous prices that had been fixed upon these lands. There were poor American citizens and other nationalities embraced among the 183 applicants, and I do not believe that there was one of the number whose equity was not greater than mine to these lots. It was a sad sight to see these people turned away and one could not help but ask why at least twenty-three of them were not accommodated with a lot apiece; instead of allowing the most of the lucky persons to take two lots each. There is no reason for such a rule unless it is to deprive worthy persons of lands that they so much need.

At the time I filed, there was a general

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ST. LOUIS GRADS WILL
MAKE MERRY TONIGHT

The annual reunion and banquet of the St. Louis College alumni association will be held at the college this evening. An interesting program of speeches and music has been prepared and the affair promises to be the biggest of its kind ever held since the formation of the association. Supervisor Ben Hollinger, president of the association, will be toastmaster.

PRINCESS HATSUKO DIES

(Special to the Hawaii Shipper)
TOKIO, Japan, June 26.—Princess Hatsuko, daughter of Prince Kuninuno, who has been ill for several weeks, died here today.

GENROS ADVISE
PREMIER TO ACT
AND SAVE TRADE

Hold Lengthy Conference, and End By Telling Count Okuma to "Take Immediate Steps"

(Special to the Hawaii Shipper)
TOKIO, Japan, June 26.—Five of the Genro, or elder statesmen, held a lengthy conference at Marquis Inoye's residence today and discussed the situation regarding the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods.

CHILTON WANTS
NEW HEARING BY
SUPREME COURT

A motion for a rehearing by the supreme court of a demurrer to the indictment was made in Circuit Judge Ashford's court today by counsel for Willmot R. Chilton who, with John T. Scully and J. H. Fischer, was indicted on a charge of conspiracy.

CIRCUIT JUDGE AFTER LARGE LANDHOLDERS



Circuit Judge T. B. Stuart, who has written to interior department seeking to have Hawaiian estates parceled out.

GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS URGE PEACE FOR COUNTRY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
BERLIN, Germany, June 26.—The managing committee of the Social Democratic Party has published in its organ, the Vorwaerts, a full-page appeal for peace.

The document declares that the people want peace and the government is called upon in the name of humanity to make known its readiness to enter into negotiations.

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LONDON, England, June 26.—General Soukhomlineff, Russian minister of war has resigned, according to Petrograd advices. It is understood that Polivanoff, the former assistant minister, will be his successor.

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PETROGRAD, Russia, June 26.—Independent government for Poland is to a large extent assured by a recent action of the Russian government. The Russian council of ministers has decided to appoint a commission of six Russians and six Poles, under the presidency of Premier Goremykin, to deal with the preliminaries of setting up an autonomous government at Warsaw. Poland was proclaimed a grand duchy on August 14.

INSURANCE MEN HERE JOIN BOARD ON COMPENSATION

New Workmen's Act Leads to Organization of Local Association

To organize the workmen's compensation insurance business in Hawaii, six of the leading agencies in the territory with headquarters at Honolulu have formed a board of local association. With the act passed by the last legislature going into effect in four days, comparatively little has been done by the island accident boards appointed by the governor under the provisions of the act, but the insurance companies have not been idle.

The following agencies have joined the board:
Von Hamm-Young company, representing the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company.
Hawaiian Trust company, representing the Fidelity & Deposit company.
Home Insurance company, representing the London & Lancashire Guaranty & Accident company.
Bishop Insurance Agency, representing the Employers' Liability Corporation.
Davies & Co., representing the London Guaranty & Accident company.
Waterhouse Trust company, representing U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty company.

That the insurance agencies will insist on the law being carried out which penalizes employers who fail to put themselves under the act was the statement of one of the agents this morning. One of the sections of the act provides a penalty of \$1 per day for each employer who neglects to observe the law. This is to be insisted upon, say insurance men, because in that way only can equitable treatment for all employers and employees be reached.

The object of the new board is to secure authoritative action on insurance under the compensation law without having to be governed by the California headquarters of the various companies. With a local association of standing and strength, recommendation

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Captain McDuffie returned from Lelehuha last evening with which of the stolen property belonging to several persons who were victims of burglaries charged to Candido, a Filipino. A revolver, clothing, jewelry and other articles were found. He is held at the city prison to answer to a charge of assault with a weapon with intent to kill. The man is alleged to have shot Police Officer Matsugoro.

An inspection of the power sampan Misourian by federal customs officers resulted in the release of the vessel late yesterday afternoon. Inquiry may follow regarding the ownership of the vessel which J. W. Sprout says he purchased some time ago from P. H. Boggs, now serving sentence at the city and county jail on a charge of robbery. The sampan is licensed to carry a limited number of passengers.

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Gen. Louis Botha. He heads the British forces in South Africa. Though some of the Boer officers rebelled, among them the noted Gen. De Wet, recently captured and convicted of treason, Botha remained loyal and has crushed the rebellion as rapidly as it developed.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Boston—Boston 1, New York 5;
Boston 4, New York 2.
At Washington—Philadelphia 3,
Washington 2.
At Detroit—St. Louis 7, Detroit 2.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 3, Chicago 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4,
Brooklyn 0.
At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 3.
At New York—Boston 7, New York 5.
At Chicago—St. Louis 4, Chicago 3.

ZAPATA ARMY IN MEXICO CITY IS WINNER IN FIGHT

Carranza Forces in Danger of Being Wiped Out After Assault on Capital

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—News received by the state department is that the Zapata forces, in possession of Mexico City, have inflicted a crushing defeat on Gen. Gonzalez and the Carranza army advancing on Mexico City. Gen. Carranza from his headquarters at Vera Cruz has ordered all the rolling stock on the railroad leading to the capital to be used in carrying away his retreating forces and save them from annihilation.

MOB-SPIRIT IN GEORGIA STILL AGAINST SLATON

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
ATLANTA, Ga., June 26.—Governor Slaton's commutation of the death sentence of Leo M. Frank has brought upon him such violent attacks that it is unsafe for him to appear in public. Hostile demonstrations broke forth today when Slaton appeared at the inauguration of Harris. The demonstrations were suppressed by the militia. For attempting to enter Slaton's estate, 26 persons have been arrested.

RESTA IS NEW SPEEDWAY KING

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
CHICAGO, Ill., June 26.—D. Resta, winner of several motor classics recently, won the 500-mile race over the new Chicago motor bowl today, shattering several world's competitive records. His time for the total distance was 5:07:06. Winning the race meant more than \$20,000 in cash prizes to Resta. Porporato was second and Rickenbacher third.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ATTACK HELD; NEW BATTLE DEVELOPS; SOUTH FRONT SEES ITALIAN ADVANCE

ARTILLERY FIRE CLEARS PATH INTO AUSTRIA, INFANTRY OPERATIONS BEING ISOLATED—PROGRESS MADE BOTH IN TRENT AND TRIESTE—CONSTANTINOPLE REPORTS FURTHER VICTORY OVER ALLIES—BRITISH AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON GERMAN AMMUNITION DEPOT—KRUPP WORKS SENDING MANY HUGE GUNS EASTWARD

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
PETROGRAD, Russia, June 26.—The Russians are continuing successfully to hold their lines along the Dneister. After a six-day battle the Austro-German forces have been defeated at Kazora, Rudzany, and northeast of Kalicz. At Martineve a similar attempt to gain a foothold on the Russian side of the river failed, the Russians capturing 40 officers and 1700 men.

LONDON, England, June 26.—Harried and shattered in their disastrous retreat from Galicia, the Russian forces have turned at bay in such a dogged stand on the banks of the Dneister river that, temporarily at least, they have checked the onrushing Teutons.

The left bank of the Dneister is now entirely cleared of Germans. They forced their way across early in the week but are now on the other side of the river, according to official Russian announcements.

The German forces are making desperate efforts to force passage of the river elsewhere. Bridging operations have been begun by the Austro-Germans south of Bukasowice. Last night remnants of detachments which had previously crossed in the Kozany district were rallied and are now attempting again to advance. A battle is raging at the new contact point.

Elsewhere in the eastern arena the drive of the Germans is at least partially checked.

Italians Win Further Successes in Trent and Trieste; Use Artillery

LONDON, England, June 26.—Further successes both on the Trent and Trieste fronts are reported by the Italian commanders.

The Italians are continuing their work of keeping clear the Tyrol-Trentino front by artillery fire and isolated infantry operations. Progress is also being made along the Isonzo river, in the invaded Trieste section.

No Embargo by U. S. is Considered

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—It is officially stated that the government is not considering placing an embargo on shipments to belligerent nations as retaliation for British interference in American trade with neutrals.

British Aviators Raid German Depot

LONDON, England, June 26.—British aviators have dropped bombs on Roulers, Belgium, where the Germans had established an important ammunition depot. The bombs exploded the depot and 50 Germans were killed, say advices.

Big Guns Hurried For Warsaw Attack

LONDON, England, June 26.—Trains loaded with heavy guns have left Essen, site of the Krupp works, for the German front on the Bzura river, Poland. It is believed the guns are to be used in the threatened German advance against Warsaw.

Turkish Patrol Defeats Allies

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, June 26.—A Turkish patrol has destroyed a party of Allies and captured their arms and much booty.

Japanese Officers Kill Selves Rather Than Be Taken Prisoners

TOKIO, Japan, June 26.—Rather than suffer the dishonor of becoming prisoners of war to the Austro-German forces when Lemberg fell a few days ago, two Japanese officers committed hara-kiri (suicide by slashing abdomen), according to advices here. The two officers, Major Nakijimi and Captain Hashimoto, had joined the Russian army and took part in its active operations in Galicia. They were in Lemberg when the Teutons retook it.

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